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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR BACKGROUND ON BPR ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS OF
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

1. ON FEBRUARY 21, 1974 FATHER ANTANAS V. BITINAS AND THEODORE
F. JACKOWIAK OF BPR ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS TOLD EMBOFF THAT
BPR ENGINEERING AND FINANCIAL & INVESTORS SERVICE WERE
INTERESTED IN BUILDING AND FINANCING SAWMILL AND PLYWOOD
PROJECT FOR CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SANGMELIMA. SINCE THEN EMBASSY
HAS HAD NO RPT NO CONTACT WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED AND NOW NEEDS
TO KNOW STATUS OF THIS PROJECT.

2. BISHOP OF SANGMELIMA TOLD EMBOFF THAT PROJECT IS ENTIRELY
IN HANDS OF AMERICANS AND BPR HAS RECENTLY SELECTED TIMBER
EXPERT TO LAUNCH PROJECT AND DESIRES THAT AID SPONSOR HIM.
BISHOP ALSO STATES THAT EX-IM BANK HAS BEEN READY FOR SIX
MONTHS TO FINANCE THIS PROJECT. (PAPAL NUNCIO TOLD AMB HE
UNDERSTOOD AMERICAN GROUP HAD IN MIND A DOLS MILLION PROJECT).

3. ADDRESS GIVEN FOR BPR ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS IS 159 BROAD
STREET, P.O. BOX 578, MIDDLETOWN, CONN., TEL: (203) 347-8441;
ADDRESS GIVEN FOR FATHER BITINAS SAME AS BPR ENGINEERING.
ADDRESS GIVEN FOR FINANCIAL AND INVESTORS SERVICE IS P.O.
BOX 375, WETHERSFIELD, CONN., TEL: (203) 529-7287.

4. ACCORDING TO PHILIP MCCALLUM ABOVE-MENTIONED PERSONS
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CONTACTED OPIC SPRING 1974.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BPR
ENGINEERING AND FINANCIAL AND INVESTORS SERVICE, FACTS OF
EX-IM BANK LOAN APPLICATION, AND ANY OTHER DETAILS OF
PROJECT.
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